

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An aberration correcting element includes a first aberration correction element movable along the optical axis of the light beam for correcting the aberration of the light beam; a driver for positioning the first aberration correction element along the optical axis in response to a drive control signal; a second aberration correction element having a plurality of phase adjustment portions each generating an amount of phase change in the light beam, the amount corresponding to an adjustment signal; a phase adjuster for supplying the adjustment signal to the respective adjustment portions in response to a phase control signal; a light receiver for receiving the light beam reflected from the recording medium to generate a light-receiving signal; and a controller for generating the drive control signal and the phase control signal based on the light-receiving signal.